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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 23-Apr-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 04/23/05	PREVIOUS WEEK 04/16/05
Broiler/fryer	166,939	161,774
Light hens	1,700	1,733
Heavy hens	1,411	1,460

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 16-Apr-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	215	7	222
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	362	0	362
Same week yr ago	341	9	350
To-date/2005	4,423	18	4,441
To-date/2004	3,689	48	3,737

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,902	1,418	3,320
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	2,102	1,314	3,320
Same week yr ago	1,805	1,296	3,416
To-date/2005	27,152	19,841	46,993
To-date/2004	23,023	19,018	42,041

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 16-Apr-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	158,035	1,687	1,411	3,098
Avg Wt	5.27	3.39	8.26	5.61
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	157,429	1,740	1,314	3,054
Same wk yr ago	152,185	1,464	1,287	2,751
Avg Wt	5.26	3.37	8.05	5.56
To-date/2005	2,347,664	22,729	19,823	42,552
To-date/2004	2,297,086	19,334	18,970	38,304

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 166.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 160.0 million head or 6.2 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 09-Apr-05

	(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	28,728	20,718	49,838
Avg Weight	3.64	4.69	6.34
% of total /1	29%	21%	50%
Last week	33,681	19,740	50,865
Avg Weight	3.75	4.75	6.28
% of total /1	32%	19%	49%
Same week, yr ago /2	24,023	21,522	43,861
Avg Weight	3.70	4.80	6.27
% of total /1	27%	24%	49%
To date/2005	386,148	294,731	664,793
To date/2004	366,052	305,558	613,056

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 16-Apr-05
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,564	2,555	11	2	4,132
Avg Wt	16.35	38.07	24.72	29.42	29.81
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,637	2,545	30	0	4,212
Same wk yr ago	1,634	2,466	49	5	4,154
Avg Wt	15.81	37.29	26.36	28.67	28.70
To-date/2005	23,161	37,655	355	49	61,220
To-date/2004	25,310	36,967	675	121	63,073

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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